Judge Kills Indictment Againt South Africans

PRETORIA, South Africa (Reuters) — The indictment against 61 persons of all races in South Africa's second mass treason trial was quashed yesterday.

Judge R. L. H. Rumpff said the Nationalist government should not have served the indictment, which charges European, colored mixed blood, Indian and African defendants with "preparing for acts of violence."

Judge Rumpff said the prosecution had given no particulars in the indictment of how the defendants allegedly joined in a conspiracy.

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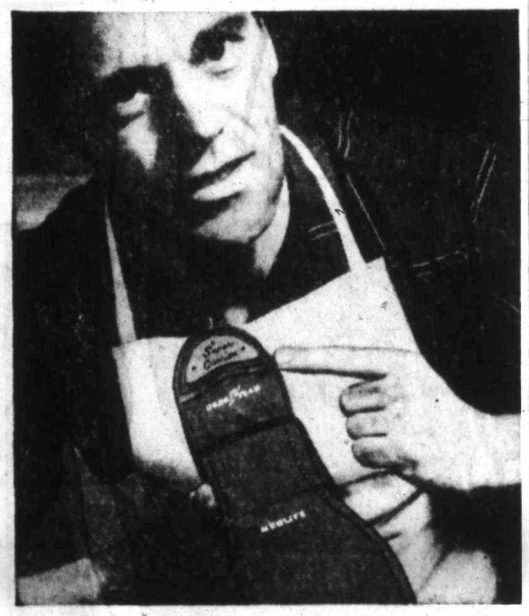

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Back-Seat Ghost

LONDON (UPI)—The tabloid Sunday Pictorial says it's certain it has a picture of a ghost.

The newspaper carried a photograph of a woman seated in a car. The woman was dead and buried a week before the picture was taken, it said.

The picture shows a blurry face, identified as Mrs. Ellen Hammell, seated behind her son-in-law in the car.

Her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Chinnery, 48, who took the picture, said she and her husband had been taking pictures of Mrs. Hammell's grave.

"I decided to use the rest of the film taking pictures of my husband and the car," the newspaper quoted her.

When the picture was developed, her mother turned up in the back seat.

"I was terribly upset . . . there can be no doubt when the picture was taken," said Mrs. Chinnery.

The newspaper said a photographic expert claimed he would "stake his reputation that this picture is genuine."

Report Expected in 1960

Education Probers Set Final Hearings

British Columbia's three-man royal commission on education will hold its final set of public hearings in Kitimat, Terrace and Prince Rupert on May 4, 5 and 6, Dean S. N. F. Chant, chairman, has announced.

The commission will meet in Kitimat May 4 and in Terrace the following day. On May 6 it will meet at Prince Rupert.

When the commission completes this set of hearings they will have visited 32 centres throughout the province and received 334 briefs from individuals and organizations.

A. S. Towell, commission secretary, said there is a possibility of additional hearings under special circumstances. The commission will continue to receive briefs for about three months, he added.

Briefs have been received from as far away as Quebec. Mr. Towell said, from a former teacher in a B.C. Indian school.

From now on the commissioners will concentrate on classifying the material in briefs and in the verbatim reports of public hearings. They will meet from time to time to write sections of the report which they hope to forward to Victoria early next year.

The commission was established in January, 1958, by the provincial government to investigate all educational matters up to the university level with the exception of finances.

Members of the commission are Dean Chant, chairman, John Liersch, vice-president of the Powell River Company, and R. P. Walrod, manager of B.C. Tree Fruits Ltd., Kelowna.

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On Wednesday there is the spring concert of the Victoria Choral Society, which promises sacred and folk songs and Negro spirituals. Director is Stanley Hoban.

Mr. Hoban will be heard as soloist both in the spirituals and in a Czechoslovak folk song. Another prominent soloist is Eileen Paul and young Timothy Vernon will sing Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer."

The pianists are Malcolm Hamilton and Christ Church Cathedral organist Richard Proudman. This is Mr. Hamilton's farewell Victoria appearance before he leaves to further his musical studies in the United States.

The spring concert takes place at Oak Bay Junior High School, starting at 8.15 with advance tickets on sale at the Hudson's Bay Company.

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